

AN
ACCOUNT
OF A
CHILD BORN

At FURBICK in Darbyshire,

The 19th. of January 1694.

With a

Top-knot and Rowle

On its HEAD, of several Colours.

With a Seasonable Caution against PRIDE.

Licensed Febr. the 28th. 1694.

*Iſa. 13. 11. I will puniſh the World for their Evil, and the Wicked
for their Iniquity; and I will cauſe the Arrogancy of the Proud
ceafe, and will lay low the haughtineſs of the Terrible.*

GOD who worketh Signs and Wonders in Heaven, and
in Earth, that humbled King *Nebuchadnezzar* for his
Pride; and made him confeſs to the greatneſs of his
Power, and acknowledge that all the Inhabitants of the Earth
are as nothing before him.

Who doth according to his Will in the Army of Heaven
and among the Inhabitants of the Earth; and none can ſtay
his hand, or ſay to him, *What doeſt thou?* Whoſe Works are
Truth, and his Wayes Judgement: And thoſe that walk in
Pride he is able to Abaſe.

This Almighty GOD, in this laſter Age, hath ſhewed his
Signs in Heaven, and in Earth, and Signally manifeſted his
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fore Displeasure against the Crying and Reigning *Sin of Pride*, and the manifold Abominations of this Sinful Nation; a People Laden with Iniquity, the Pride of whose Countenances Testify against them and the Crown of Pride is on their Heads.

They declare their Sin as *Sodom* (which was Pride, &c.) they hide it not, Wo unto their Soul: And unto the Haughty *Daughters of England*, who walk with stretched out Necks, wanton Eyes, and high Towering Dresses on their Heads, and Spots on their Faces, mincing as they go: The Lord can smite them with a Scab, the Crown of the Head of the proud Daughters of *England*, if they do not speedily Repent, and take away the Bravery of their high Dresses, their Chains, their Rings, their changeable Suits of Apparel, their Cornets and Commodes, &c. & instead of a sweet Smell, or costly perfume, cause a Stink; instead of their fine Stomachers, a girding with Sorrow or Sackcloth; and Burning instead of Beauty. And thy Men (as many already have) to fall by the Sword, and thy Mighty in the War. And thy *Gates, oh London* may yet more lament and mourn, as when they lay in Ashes; and thy fine and stately Houses become Dissolate, by the Earths opening her Mouth, and swallowing up many of thine Inhabitants, and their sumptuous Habitations, as it hath in Countreys remote, by dreadful *Earthquakes*, if thine, and *Englands* Inhabitants do not speedily Repent, and turn from the Evil of their ways, and forsake their abominable Pride and Ungodliness, the cause of Gods Wrath, and their Misery; and while they have time seek after him, and to make their Peace with him whom they have so grievously offended, and so highly provoked: And by a lively, and stedfast Faith, lay hold of Christ his dear Son, that Dyed for our Sins, and Rose again for our Justification; and come to learn of him who was a lively Pattern, and Heavenly Ensamble of Humility, being meek and lowly in Heart, and freely Invites all to come unto him, and to learn of him, that they may find rest and Peace unto their Souls; a Virtue greatly wanting among many of *Englands* Inhabitants; this day, the Lord. Incline their Hearts to seek after it.

And

And now I shall give you a short Relation which I received, and doubt not the Truth of, Concerning a Child lately Born at Furbeck near Balber-hall in Darbyshire, on the 19th. of the last Month in this present year 1691 with a perfect Top-knot of great height, with Colours of Red and Black in it, and a Rowl behind its Head. And a Woman present taking it in her Arms beheld it, and said to some Women that beheld it also; go home and burn your Top-knots, for said she, If I were a Queen I would burn mine. The Childs Fathers Name I forbear to mention, having not his consent. The Child lived but a Short time, and was buryed on the 20th of the same Month. When it was Dead, the Top-knot fell upon its face, and its reported it was longer then a Mans hand. And altho' I write thus cautiously, assure thy-self Reader, this is no Fiction, nor Grubstreet Story, forged to get a Penny by, but published on this wise, in good will, that People may be warned against Pride, and running into such like foolish and Extravagant Dresses, and to fear God, and seriously consider his handy-work herein; and whether it doth not Evidently bespeak Gods great dislike of those abominable Dresses, and his high Displeasure against *Pride*, and such like Attire; and whether it doth not loudly call, and hath a speaking Voice in it to the Haughty Women of our Age, to leave off those Dresses to humble themselves, forsake their *Pride*, and amend their Doings, and Weep in secret Places for their *Pride* before the Lord; as his Prophet *Jeremiah* advises, *Jer. 13. 17.* For God can take them away that Rejoyce therein, bring Destruction upon them, cause them to fall, and to be taken in their *Pride*, therefore, let all consider, and Repent with all their Hearts, while they have time, (lest they come under that Wo, the Lord pronounced to the Crown of *Pride*, which he hath determined shall be troden under foot, see *Isa. 28.*) for their dayes here are at most short, their Moments uncertain, their Breath in the Lords hand, that can withdraw it in the twinkling of an Eye; & if in a dying hour they should be sensible of the want of Peace with him, and a certain Assurance of Eternal bliss, what will their Riches, costly Array, and fine Dresses do them

good; O then the time they have mispent in Artificers
Heads and Houses of Clay: And in Prides Excess
perfluity will be an aggravation of their Grief, and increase
of their Sorrow, in that Scabin. Therefore Repent, Repent,
and amend your doings, ye haughty ones, and so longer con-
tinue in your Pride and Wickedness; for the Devil is King
over all Chishen of Devils, see Job 41. 34. And the Wicked shall
be turned into Hell, and all the Nations of them that forget God, see
Psalm 9. 17. And know that God that suffered this Top-knot and
Raggle to be on this Childs Head, can cause the like on your Chil-
dren. And consider also you that spot your faces, with Patches,
that he can also cause your Children to be born with such
Spots, that you would as gladly cover, as you put them on.
And therefore, you that have Children born in their perfect
Shapes, and right Features, praise the Lord, and prize his
Mercy, for it, and apply your hearts to his Grace, and learn of
it, that you may be taught to live worthy of that, and all his
Mercy, and to deny all ungodliness, and unrighteousness, which
is the cause of Gods Wrath and your Misery, whilst you conti-
nue therein, therefore come to Christ to take away the Cause,
and the Effect will cease; and you through Faith and Obedi-
ence to him, may know Salvation from Sin to your Immortal
Souls: So wisheth and Prudgeth your Friend.

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